

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1855, several prominent residents of the Palmetto State established and held the first formal meeting of the South Carolina Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, for 150 years, the Society has honored the original mission of its founders to collect, preserve, and publish the history of South Carolina; and

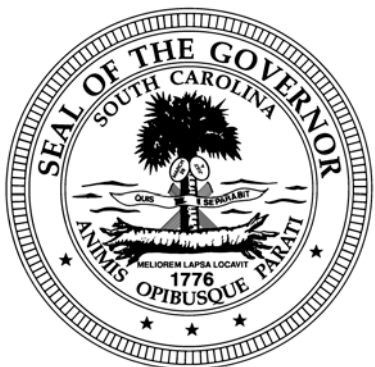
WHEREAS, this year marks the sesquicentennial anniversary of the South Carolina Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, as the Palmetto State's oldest historical society and one of its largest private manuscript archives, the Society has contributed immeasurably to our knowledge and understanding of the past.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2005, as

### SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the Society and its valuable contributions to the preservation of our state's past for future generations.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**